

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4499-08
Bill No.: HCS for SS for SB 781
Subject: Ambulances and Ambulance Districts; Boards, Commissions, Committees,
Councils; Counties; County Government
Type: Original
Date: April 27, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal changes sections relating to emergency services.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Fire Education	\$105,873	\$127,048	\$127,048
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$105,873	\$127,048	\$127,048

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☒ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Public Service Commission, Department of Economic Development - Office of the Public Counsel, Department of Health and Senior Services, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, Department of Revenue, Office of Administration - Office of Administration - Budget and Planning, Department of Social Services, Office of Prosecution Services, Missouri Lottery Commission and Office of the State Treasurer** each assume the current proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

In response to a similar version of this legislation, officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume the current proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Division of Fire Safety (DFS)** state that their agency currently processes approximately 5,600 tests and certifications annually, as well as an estimated 900 re-certifications. DFS would propose a fee of \$25 per certification exam and re-tests, and \$15 per re-certification. Additionally, DFS would propose a fee of \$25 per certification reciprocity and \$100 per certification equivalency application. Using current figures, DFS would generate \$144,045. However, because this is a voluntary system, and the majority of the certified personnel are volunteer fire fighters who may not apply for certification due to this fee structure,

ASSUMPTIONS (continued)

DFS does anticipate a slight decline in certifications and re-certifications issued. For purposes of this fiscal note, DFS projected a 10% decline in applicants, resulting in a total of roughly \$129,640 in fees collected. This fee revenue, combined with costs associated with testing, will net a positive fiscal impact to the fire education fund.

For the purpose of this proposed legislation, officials at the **Office of State Public Defender (SPD)** cannot assume that existing staff will provide competent, effective representation for any new cases arising where indigent persons are charged with the proposed new crime of inappropriately installing an anemometer, a new Class C misdemeanor.

Passage of bills increasing penalties on existing crimes, or creating new crimes, requires the State Public Defender System to further extend resources. While the number of new cases (or cases with increased penalties) may be too few or uncertain to request additional funding for this specific bill, the SPD will continue to request sufficient appropriations to provide competent and effective representation in all its cases.

Oversight assumes the SPD can absorb the additional caseload that may result from this proposal.

Officials from the **Springfield Police Department** assume the current proposal would not fiscally impact their department.

Officials from the **County of St. Louis** assume the current proposal would not fiscally impact their county.

Officials from the **Counties of Andrew, Barry, Bates, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Franklin, Greene, Hickory, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Francois, Taney, Texas, Warren, and Webster** did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Boone County Sheriff Department, Buchanan County Sheriff's Department, Clark County Sheriff's Department, Columbia Police Department, Independence Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff Department, Kansas City Police Department, Platte County Sheriff's Department, St. Charles Police Department, St. Joseph Police Department, St. Louis County Police Department, St. Louis County Sheriff**

ASSUMPTIONS (continued)

Department and the **St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department** did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Battlefield Fire Protection District, Boone County Fire District, Central County Fire and Rescue, Centralia Fire Department, Creve Couer Fire District, DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District, Hawk Point Fire Protection District, Hillsboro Fire Protection District, Lake St. Louis Fire District, Mehlville Fire District, Nixa Fire Protection District, Saline Valley Fire Protection District** and the **Southern Iron County Fire Protection District** did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
FIRE EDUCATION FUND			
<u>Costs</u> - Supplies, Postage and Printing	(\$2,160)	(\$2,592)	(\$2,592)
<u>Revenue</u> - Fee Income from certification testing and re-certification of fire fighters	<u>\$108,033</u>	<u>\$129,640</u>	<u>\$129,640</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FIRE EDUCATION FUND	<u>\$105,873</u>	<u>\$127,048</u>	<u>\$127,048</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business</u>			

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposal changes sections relating ot emergency services, with a penalty provision.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

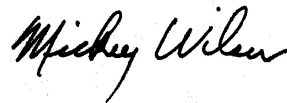
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety
Office of the State Treasurer
Office of Administration - Budget and Planning
Office of the Secretary of State
Office of Prosecution Services
Office of the State Public Defender
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Department of Revenue
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Department of Health and Senior Services
Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration
Department of Social Services
Missouri Lottery Commission
Department of Economic Development
Springfield Police Department
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NOT RESPONDING

Numerous Counties
Numerous 911 Respondents
Numerous Fire Districts



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